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PACIFIC LUTHERAN
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Times have changed! Prof. Paul Rosel recently walked into his Music Theory class at Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr., seven minutes late, but he had a good alibi. Just two hours and forty minutes before, he had been in Chicago after winding up a week-end organ concert tour. If his plane had not been slightly delayed there, he would have reached his class right on time.

Our Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church at Honolulu, Hawaii, in September started a parochial school with two teachers who are in charge of the kindergarten and first grade. The pupils represent the various races of Hawaii. Their parents are Protestants, Roman Catholics, Jews, Unitarians, idol-worshiping heathen, or heathen who claim no religious affiliation of any kind. The school venture is a mission enterprise, and parents are required to consent to their children's receiving religious instruction. Pastor Adolph R. Meyer regards his school as the beachhead of our Church's Hawaiian mission attack. He is looking forward to adding more grades next year.

Among the names of thirteen Lutheran pastors appearing on a bronze plaque unveiled in Washington, D. C., on Nov. 3 in memory of 134 Protestant chaplains who died in two world wars, seven are members of the Missouri Synod. They are the following: Pastors Alfred B. Claus, Martin L. Cook, Henry C. Hemmeter, Paul E. Loeber, Markus E. Lohrmann, Eugene G. Robinson, and Mel E. Wertman. All served in the Army.

Mrs. Anna Camperman, member of St. James' Lutheran Church, La Fayette, Ind., on Oct. 30 observed her ninety-sixth birthday. Although she is the oldest member of the congregation both in age and in years of membership, she is still active in church work, holds membership in the Ladies' Society, attends public worship, and partakes of Holy Communion in the regular service. Six of her nine children are living, along with seventeen grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

The Champion Baker of England and Wales, Mr. Chas. F. Lawton, is a member of one of our congregations in London, Luther-Tyndale Memorial Church. Mr. Lawton won this coveted honor at the annual contest in September, in which

Mr. Charles M. Lawton
NEWS CHRONICLE PICTURE

13,000 loaves of bread were judged. entries placed first, second, third, fourth. Mr. Lawton, whose father was of the founders of the Ev. Luthe Church in England, is a very active m ber in our London congregation. picture shows the champion with on his prize loaves and medals which he

Grace Lutheran Church, Akron, C the Rev. Carl H. Toelke, pastor, on No began broadcasting its Sunday mor church services on every second and fo Sunday of the month. The time is 1 to 11:30 A. M., and the station, WH 650 kc. Members of Grace Congrega are financing the project at a cost of per broadcast.

The Microscope Society of Ame at its convention held in Septembe Toronto, Canada, viewed pictures of v may turn out to be the virus of p The photographs were produced by Francis O. Schmitt and Dr. Eduardo Robertis with the aid of an electron mi scope capable of magnifying 50,000 100,000 times. Dr. Schmitt is a mem of Christ Lutheran Church, Belmont, M (the Rev. V. G. Albers, pastor), an rated an authority in the field of elec microscopy. After studying at Washin University, St. Louis, Mo., London, Berlin, he taught at Washington Unive for six years and then joined the Dep ment of Zoology at the Massachusetts stitute of Technology in 1941. In 194 became head of his department. G.

Additions to Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Cavalier, N. Dak.

Our Church began its work at Cavalier, N. Dak., during this year's Lenten season. Organization of an adult membership class began almost immediately. On July 19 the congregation was officially organized, and on Aug. 15 the twelve adults and eleven children appearing in the picture were received into membership by the rite of Baptism and confirmation. The congregation now numbers seventy-one communicant members. It is still served by the Rev. M. J. Haerther (front center on picture), pastor of St. Paul's Church, twelve miles away. However, Our Savior hopes to call a resident pastor this year if a house can be obtained to serve as parsonage

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Editorial

ıy Salvation Cometh!"

Next Sunday, the Second Sunday in Advent, stresses second coming of our Lord, a coming that should be ed with joy by His followers. In the Gospel for the the Lord Himself, speaking of the signs that will pre- the second advent, declares: "And when these things in to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; your redemption draweth nigh." It is in this sense that Introit is to be understood, which calls on the Church ɔe of good cheer on this account: "Daughter of Zion, old, thy Salvation cometh!" Do we look forward to the d's coming in this way, or are we filled with dread and ? We may do so, and we ought, in view of the Lord's assurance: "He that believeth and is baptized shall saved." "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life, and shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them of My hand." Confidently let us pray the Introit:

Daughter of Zion: behold, thy Salvation cometh!
The Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard, and hall have gladness of heart.
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph a flock.

W. G. P.

formation Services in St. Louis, Mo.

We dare not forget that 150 years ago when the Louisi- Territory, in which the city of St. Louis is situated, ɔnged to France, there was no Protestant church in Louis. Moreover, the French governor at that time did permit any Protestant church to be built. But, lo, how ıgs have changed! Today there are more than 100 testant churches in St. Louis. In that same city is our ıcordia Publishing House, the largest Lutheran publish- house in the world. In St. Louis is the Concordia Semi- y, which educates Lutheran ministers in large numbers. l now, here in St. Louis we have had two public Refor- ion festivals. The Lutherans had their public Reforma- festival in the largest public hall in St. Louis on Oct. 31, all other Protestants had their Reformation festival on r. 7 in the same hall. In both these services the results Martin Luther's work through the Bible were pointed One of the sermons delivered at these celebrations was ıted in full by a St. Louis daily, which also carried strations of the clergy, choir, and laity who participated hese services.

We Americans can be thankful for the liberty and free- ı which we here enjoy. Luther certainly has shorn the ıacy of much of its power. Rave as he will, the Pope is invited to participate in the meetings of United Nations, nor could he prevent that venerable gathering in Amsterdam of all those who oppose his tyranny.

True, there is still much error, much ignorance, much unclearness, much confusion, which trouble the Church of Christ. However, remember this, God has not promised that His Church upon earth would here and now become a field without tares. But the imperfections that we still notice dare not rob us of our gratitude for all that has been accomplished through the testimony of faithful ministers of the Word.

S.

Comic Books to the Bonfire

The press dispatches carried a picture showing grade school children of Spencer, W. Va., watching the burning of 2,000 comic books they collected over a period of weeks in a campaign initiated by the Parent-Teachers' Association.

At Pittsburgh, Miss Virginia Chase, head of the children's department at Carnegie Library, distributed to her branch librarians a paper which said comic books stunt the mental growth of boys and girls as well as furnish motivation for violent action.

In Richmond, Ind., a Citizens' Committee has succeeded in barring thirty comics and has the backing of the deputy prosecutor.

Lutheran Men suggests that the Brotherhoods gather up all the comic books they can find and spend an evening giving them a careful appraisal. We have asked our people years ago to do this as a preliminary to community action.

It seems that about 720 million of these "comic books" are circulated in the United States yearly. While some are harmless, many are concerned with every form of sadism, violence, and sex.

In St. Louis, Billy Cauley, 16-year-old Mississippi cotton picker, who said he was "inspired" to become a holdup man by reading comic books and viewing crime movies, was captured by police after he held up a downtown restaurant and shot a pursuing waiter in the leg.

At Pawnee, Ill., Ralph Hill, age 8, hanged himself from a tree, Sept. 17, apparently when play-acting a scene from a comic book. The boy had been in the habit of acting out comic book scenes, the coroner quoted the mother as saying.

Both Catholic and Protestant leaders in Toronto, Canada, have issued public protests and are asking for a ban on comic books dealing with crime and sex, since "they have a tendency to induce crime."

An ordinance barring sale of "comic" books to children has been introduced into the Board of Supervision at San Francisco.

In Chicago, the National Congress of Parents and

Teachers, Sept. 17, began a drive against undesirable comic books, motion pictures, and radio programs. Recommendations for action on a national and State level were adopted by the board of managers.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has adopted an ordinance barring all so-called comic books which deal with such subjects as murder, burglary, kidnapping, arson, and assault with deadly weapons. The law sets up a fine of $500 or six months' imprisonment for violators.

Shamed to take action by the country-wide condemnation of their product, the 14 major publishers of comic books have agreed on a "clean-up campaign" of their own, to forestall State and Federal actions which might legislate them out of their lucrative business. To enforce the regulations which will eliminate religious or race ridicule, vulgar and obscene language, glorification of crime, sex, glamorization of divorce and scenes of sadistic torture, the organization intends to have a censor of "comic" morals and thus meet the accusation leveled against the ten-cent comics as "the marijuana of the nursery" and "the chief contributing causes of juvenile delinquency."

Our people should lend their influence to every community effort towards eradication of these pestilential periodicals and should watch their own playrooms and bedrooms. Pa and Ma who brought ten new comics to the hospital to keep their son, age ten, from going into tempers that "would not be good for him," are not fit to have children. G.

Advent — Time for Checkup

You buy an automobile. You know that there are certain things that must be done regularly in order that your car will function well. Tires inflated and radiator checked once a week; battery checked, every two weeks; motor oil changed and a grease job, every thousand miles; front wheel bearings repacked every five thousand miles; gasoline replenished as needed. All this we take as much for granted as getting up in the morning and going to bed at night.

Are we as careful about our souls as we are about our cars? We did not buy them. Christ bought them for us with His precious blood. He has given us charge of them. They need care and attention, too. Advent is a good checkup time with regard to our souls. Are they in good running order? What care did we take of them during the past church year? Our Lord comes in this Advent Season and tells us that a new year of grace is dawning for us. Is it not a good time to resolve to take good care of our souls in the new year of grace, to go regularly to divine worship, to be frequent guests at the Lord's Table, to be diligent in our daily prayers, to participate in the Church's work according to our talents, and to be rich in the fruits of the Spirit?

If we ruin an automobile by neglect, there is always a possibility of getting another car. If we lose our soul by neglect, there is no other to get. W. G. P.

Thankful for Amsterdam

Most of our readers are acquainted with the meeting of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam. Nearly all church bodies which reject the Papacy were represented there. They discussed their differences. They pointed out their failures and suggested cures and improvements for the ills of the Church. No one was entirely satisfied w the results of this meeting. Some criticized its conduct outcome most severely. Others praised the gathering the highest terms; for instance, *Newsweek* said of "Certainly the assembly of the World Council of Churc was the greatest single Protestant event since the Re mation." That is extravagant praise. We could sp much time in pointing out the deficiencies and failure the assembly, but we wish to call attention to one thing which we are very grateful. The very fact that all th churches who oppose more or less violently the claim the Papacy could come together in a peaceful assem protected by a Protestant government is in itself wo while. The Pope could not prevent it. Reliable infor tion states that while the Papacy took no part, it nev theless had observers present who watched carefully no doubt made their reports.

The assembly showed again that there is much m understanding, ignorance, false appraisal of values, and e fanaticism in many of these sects and church bodies. hope that the discussion and the criticism of the religi press which followed the meeting will help to clarify m questions and bring about a better understanding, but rejoice especially in this, that all those who oppose tyranny and corruptions of the Papacy may gather discuss their difficulties, criticize each other, and cons means of improvement. Even though we distinctly approve of much that was said, yet we rejoice that nei the Papacy nor any temporal power could prevent th people from meeting in peaceful assembly and confer u dangers and for the safety of all concerned. S.

Our National Election

The citizens of the United States on Nov. 2 once a availed themselves of the privilege with which our f of government invests them to express freely their ch as to which of the two major party candidates shall h the national administration for the next four ye Admittedly the result of the election was a complete s prise. Once again our modern augurs, now operating v "scientific" formulas, proved no more reliable in t predictions than their ancient counterparts who scan the skies for flights of birds. Elihu in the Book of chapter 32:9, put it right: "Great men are not alw wise."

Viewing Mr. Truman's victory in the light of the e toral votes which were given him, it was overwhelm The popular vote, however, was close. A one-per- shift of votes in a few States from Mr. Truman to opponent would have spelled defeat. We leave to ot the problem of finding an answer to the problem why people made their choice as they did. To us as Christi it is obvious that God wanted it so. He has His design guiding the affairs of the world and of our country in s a way that His divine objectives are achieved. And i it is in place for all Christians, regardless of party affiliat to include Mr. Truman, and all others elected to office our earnest prayers. It is no mere thoughtless form when we voice in our General Prayer the petition: "Es cially do we entreat Thee to bless . . . all who are in thority." In these days when most complicated national international problems wait for a wise solution, Mr. Trum especially needs divine guidance. Let us ask God for "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avail much," James 5:16. G. V. S.

dvent – Coming

By MARTIN S. SOMMER, St. Louis

or Christians Advent is a time of cing. In church, in school, and in home old and young are so happy they actually sing for joy. And, uth, their singing is so thrilling that the world begins to sing with n. That reminds us of what some- has said: "Christianity is con- ous." If that is correctly under- d, it is true. Jesus Himself said the Kingdom of God is like a leaven h a woman took and hid in three sures of meal, till the whole was ened, Matt. 13:33. There can be no ot that many a one has been at- ed to the Church through the ng and testimony of children.

low, what is it that fills us with during Advent? Someone will tell "It is the approach of Christmas — stmas is coming." Yes, that is one e for joy. Remember, however, ent means *coming*, but it does not ly refer to the coming of Christmas. fers rather to the coming of Jesus the flesh, His coming to be born, coming to be our Savior from all sorrow, and sin.

lowever, there is something which imes threatens to chill this joy. is the present sin, together with onsequences of sorrow, suffering, cross-bearing. However happy we be because of the coming of Jesus ffer in our stead for our sin, we must endure much that is painful distressing. But Advent has a age of joy also for all of that, for ent also means that Jesus is coming to take us from this vale of tears e heavenly mansions, where there llness of joy and pleasures for- more. True, this advent of Jesus dge the quick and the dead strikes r, and should strike terror, into earts and souls of all bold trans- ors who have not been reconciled r come to peace with, God. But stians need not fear; to them Jesus ks these comforting words: "I go to are a place for you," John 14:3. than that, He expressly tells us the signs of His second coming, coming to judge the quick and the , are not to dismay us. We are r to look up, since He says: "Lift your heads, for your redemption eth nigh," Luke 21:28.

rue, He warns us also earnestly ist false, carnal security. He tells "And take heed to yourselves, lest y time your hearts be overcharged surfeiting and drunkenness and of this life and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of Man." But such warning indicates to us His sincere love and care for our safety and welfare. The unbelievers who do not share with us our spiritual blessings naturally seek happiness and pleasures in all manner of "fleshly lusts, which war against the soul," 1 Pet. 2:11. They would persuade us that we are missing something because we do not run with them to the same excess of riot. But Christians have far better and more enduring joys. Their delight is in the present Word, in which they see God's kindness and mercy, and in the expectation of the coming of Jesus to deliver us from all evil and take us to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

Yes, the end of the world is not only certain, it is also near. Moreover, the sorrows, the distress, and the horrors, which indicate all this, will increase. It is therefore necessary for us to be sober and watch unto prayer. It is for us Christians also to take to heart all the warnings of our Lord Jesus. And yet that is not to depress us. With Paul we love the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ, we long for it, we pray, "Come Lord Jesus," and we know that He comes to dry all our tears, remove all our ills, and give us that perfect and enduring happiness of which the Psalmist speaks, Psalm 16:11 and Psalm 17:15.

"Of Thine Own Have We Given Thee"

By WALTER C. BIRKNER
Fort Wayne

Under this heading the Stewardship Secretary of the Central District, the Rev. W. C. Birkner, presents to the congregations of that District (including the States of Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia) month by month the needs of Synod and an analysis of the financial record of Synod and District. The Central District is one of the four largest of our Synod, the other three being Minnesota, Northern Illinois, and Michigan. What Secretary Birkner tells the Central District congregations in the bulletin just received (Oct. 31) is worthy of being brought to the attention of all our people. — THE EDITORS.

Even if we put the best construction on last month's record, the situation which confronts Synod is sufficiently serious to warrant a restatement of the essential facts in the case.

Fact 1: By common consent it had been agreed that the Lord's work, as we carry it on through the agency of Synod, would need a minimum of $3,600,000 in 1948; this meant 23% more than in 1947.

Fact 2: Later developments showed that this was indeed a *minimum* estimate and that probably $3,750,000 would be required to meet the obligations to which we had committed ourselves as disciples of Christ.

Fact 3: On Sept. 9, 1948, a down-to-earth tabulation revealed the alarming truth that the ingathering of these necessary moneys for 1948 had been taken too lightly by too many throughout Synod during the first part of the year and that no more than $2,963,950 could be anticipated unless a very, very intensive effort would be made to enlist a more widespread co-operation for the work of the church at large.

Fact 4: A deficit estimated between $500,000 and $750,000 (depending upon the "direct" contributions received from the L. L. L. trust fund and from the profits of Concordia Publishing House) was in prospect if matters were permitted to drift.

Fact 5: As a result of this acute crisis every District of our Synod is now grappling with this common problem and is attempting to find that solution which will be most feasible in its own area. This applies also to our District even though we are engaged in an all-out Special Effort for District purposes and even though it has been our good fortune to be counted among the leaders in participating in Synod's program for a number of years. We are not guiltless.

What Shall We Do?

The Board of Directors of our District and the Visitors' Conference spent many a long hour in surveying the scene and in discussing how we should meet the problem which is also our responsibility. The recommendations are: 1. We plead with every congregation to consider it a matter of privilege and honor to gather in and to remit the *entire* suggested Fair Share. 2. We urge the many congregations which are able to "give an extra push" to exceed their accepted apportionment by 5% or 10%. This extra "push" can be accomplished in various ways. We can use the special envelopes which Synod is furnishing; or we can earmark the amount which our congregation remits *above* her Fair Share with the notation "for *Synod's* Treasury." This will insure that anything we remit over and above our "Fair Share" will be used exclusively for *Synod's* treasury. A remittance simply marked "Budget Treasury" is divided between Synod and District, Synod receiving 68% and the District retaining 32%.

What Could Happen Unless . . .

Why are we using so much space in the *Bulletin* to repeat? Because the alternatives, should we fail to reach our goal and permit the situation to deteriorate even more, are not pleasant to contemplate. Unless the grace of Christian giving is lifted very suddenly to a much higher level, we shall not only fail to enter territories such as Japan, the New Guinea Islands, and to expand our work in Central and South America, but we shall be compelled to call home some of our mis-

sionaries, to curtail our program of training our pastors and teachers, to take away several of the few crumbs of support we are offering our retired pastors, teachers, and their dependents. With these alternatives staring us in the face, the reaction among Christian people must be: "This shall not come to pass among us for whom the Lord has done so much." We owe a debt of gratitude to Him, and we have an inescapable obligation to speak to even more fellow men about the salvation which He has provided!

Encouraging Attitude

One of the most heartening experiences of the past month has been the ready acceptance on the part of many congregations of the suggested 1949 Fair Share allotments. Our people realize — with a few exceptions — that the Church needs more money to carry on the Lord's business today than yesterday. And our people — most of them — are showing a renewed determination, now that the facts have been called to their attention, that the Lord's cause shall not be shortchanged inadvertently and that the agency through which we work on a world-wide basis — *Our Synod* — shall receive her deserved privileged consideration.

It is good to know that this sentiment is increasing. For a number of years the minimum requirements of Synod have been met without too much effort, and the result was that Synod — you and I — was too easily satisfied to let well enough alone and to keep her expansion program on a very low plane. In 1928, for example, the per-communicant contribution for Synod was $2.51. In 1947, believe it or not, the per-communicant average had been lowered to $2.47. But a change for the better is taking place. Unless all indications are misleading, the per-capita contribution for Synod's program in 1948 will be considerably higher than in 1947; should we attain our Budget of $3,600,000, the per-capita participation will have jumped to $3.38. And if we succeed in 1949, in the grace and strength which God will grant us as we cry to Him and work industriously, in gathering our accepted $4,000,000 Budget, the per capita will have been advanced to about $3.70.

Apply the Old Truths in a New Day

As for the *general stewardship principles*, there is essentially nothing new since the days of the Apostle Paul, who spoke with divine authority when he enunciated the following points: Percentage giving ("as God hath prospered him"); regular giving ("upon the first day of the week"); individual giving ("let *every one* of you"); cheerful giving ("the Lord loveth a cheerful giver"). To this add the Lord's promise: "Give, and it shall be given unto you," and you have all the elements that go into a successful stewardship program today. Synod has embellished these age-old principles and presented them to every congregation in their modern dress in a series of excellent tracts and pamphlets that are available without cost. There is no excuse for pleading lack of information how to proceed. If these suggestions are followed through prayerfully and intelligently (observing the details), and are properly motivated by love for Christ and our fellow redeemed, the financial situation within our Church will not be an obstacle in the onward march to which we are committed.

Voluntary and Proportionate Givin

To All Walther Leaguers

DEAR FELLOW LUTHERANS:

Resolution 48-02, adopted by the Portland convention, strikes the proper n It touches an important phase of young people's work. It will afford excellent trai to our young people in the application of some basic principles of church work. I God graciously bless the introduction of voluntary and proportionate giving as a met of financing the program of young people's work!

Voluntary and proportionate giving is a plan which applies not merely to financing of young people's work. It is God's plan of financing the work of the Chu

Your Synod's program today calls for a conscientious application of God's p of voluntary and proportionate giving. "A door was opened unto me of the Lo (2 Cor. 2:12) certainly applies to the work of your church at large. We have g opportunities in India, China, and in Africa. Within recent years we have begun w in Panama, Cuba, Uruguay, Paraguay, Hawaii, the Philippines. We have just ente New Guinea and Japan. Nicaragua and Colombia are beckoning. Mission work am the Mohammedans is under way. Then we must remember the ever-expanding mis opportunities in our own country.

Shall this work be continued? Shall we enter the new promising fields? Can dare we, say No? We answer, Of course not. But unless our financial contributi for the work of the church at large improve greatly, our answer must be No. We facing a large deficit. However, in this day, when incomes are high, in this year, w many of us have experienced savings because of income tax reductions, we sim cannot justify a deficit. The God-pleasing solution is voluntary and proportio giving, giving "as God has prospered him" (1 Cor. 16:2).

Let me urge you to follow God's plan. Consider your income. Figure out betw yourself and your God what your proportionate share is. When this has been de mined, you will have a sufficient amount to contribute for the work of your Chu your League, charities, and whatever other causes need your support. May t Savior's love for you and your love for your Savior move you to follow God's p of proportionate giving. You will find genuine joy in doing so, and the Lord's w will prosper.

October, 4, 1948 J. W. BEHNKEN

The American Lutheran Church Convention, Oct. 7 to 14, 1948

By F. W. LOOSE, Lorain, Ohio

The American Lutheran Church held its biennial convention from Oct. 7 to 14 under the chairmanship of the president, Dr. Emmanuel Poppen, at Fremont, Ohio, in Grace Lutheran Church and Parish Hall. For beautiful simplicity of Gothic architecture and proper ecclesiastical appointments, Grace Lutheran Church at Fremont, Ohio, is a rare monument to Lutheranism and its parish hall can search for an equal in spaciousness, convenience, comfort, and adequateness for convention purposes.

Previously published Reports of the President and the Various Boards and Committees, together with the recommendations with respect thereto by the floor committees, formed the basis for the agenda of the convention. Most of the convention's time was devoted to hearing reports on the many missions of the Church and settling their financial needs for the next two years. For missions in North and South America the sum of $493,990 was appropriated. A recommendation to make the year 1951 "American Missions Year" to gather in the sum of Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000) was not accepted but left to the next convention to determine in 1950. For Foreign Missions, in Asia and Europe, the appropriation calls for $237,005. Appropriations for all other purposes totaled $1,184,885.

Christian education on all levels received extended consideration. Every agency for the training of the Chur membership, young and old, was c fully discussed and endorsed: Nur Classes, Sunday Schools, Week Schools (one day a week), and reg Elementary Day Schools. The Teach Association of the Day Schools will, in future, have advisory delegate represe tion at the conventions. A Chair of Ch tian Education with a sixth professor be established at Capital Univer Columbus, Ohio; and Wartburg Se nary at Dubuque, Iowa, is also to rec a sixth professor for the purpose of partmentalizing its program.

Pension System

The Pension System of the Amer Lutheran Church received consider attention, the provisions concerning r beneficiaries, benefits, and conditions participation being made to conform n to the present needs and desires. For lay workers of the Church the Pen System is to be available also, but atter will be continued to have the governi grant them participation in the Fed and State Social Security provisions.

Although the official reports and committee report favored the appointm of a Director of Public Relations Publicity for the Church, the conven for reasons that seemed not quite c refused this recommendation.

onvention Against AMVET Ritual

he convention accepted a recommen-
on from the printed reports, page 15,
ing: "Therefore, pastors are advised
to refuse members belonging to the
VETS Holy Communion but shall
ion their young men against Christ-
prayers and antiscriptural rituals and
their members belonging to this
nization to work toward having all
l and prayers either made optional or
itely Christian."

Church Unity

n answer to the eager expectations of
Lutherans this convention had much
ay also on the question of the Unity
e Church, the Lutheran Church every-
re, and the Lutheran Synods of Amer-
In particular.

On the Amsterdam World Council of
rches:

WHEREAS, The complex world situation
s before the Church ever increasing re-
sibilities that demand united and energetic
n; and WHEREAS, Participation in the pro-
of ministering spiritually and materially
ose suffering because of the results of war
nds largely upon participation in the pro-
of the World Council of Churches; and
REAS, The personal reports of our two official
sentatives to the Amsterdam Assembly
ed us that our requirement to enter only
confessional basis was met; and WHEREAS,
World Council of Churches has no constitu-
l authority over its constituent members
at our denominational independence could
ffected; and WHEREAS, We have the con-
privilege of restudying our present mem-
ip in the Council; and WHEREAS, Our
bership in the World Council of Churches
established fact as of August 23, 1948;
WHEREAS, Our present membership gives us
allenging opportunity to bear witness to
s Christ and thus strengthen the foundation
e Christian Church; therefore be it *Re-
d*, That the American Lutheran Church
nue participation in the World Council
hurches and make provision for our proper
ibution to its budget."

two official representatives referred to
he above were Dr. Harold Yochum,
ident of Capital University, Colum-
Ohio, and Mr. M. C. Ewald.

Concerning the Lutheran World Federa-
s which met at Lund, Sweden: "In
of the favorable report issued on
Lund convention by the President of
American Lutheran Church and dele-
s, we recommend the adoption of the
wing resolution: *Resolved*, That the
erican Lutheran Church continue its
ve participation in and support to the
heran World Federation." (Adopted.)

That the matter of Lutheran unity and
n may receive the attention and thought
the times urge upon us we recommend
adoption of the following resolution:
olved, That in the next biennium our
oral conferences and district meetings
themselves with a thorough study of
problems of the future of Lutheranism
America and that the Commission on
owship be asked to serve as a Steering
mittee in the preparation of programs
materials and the sending out of speak-
if deemed advisable."

The resolutions concerning Inter-
odical Fellowship in our country have
ady been published by THE LUTHERAN
NESS, Nov. 2, 1948, page 361. The third
graph will bear reprinting because of
important principle brought out in its
ing words: "That we continue a Com-
ee on Fellowship to be appointed by
President of the Church to negotiate
a Committee on Doctrinal Unity of
Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod,
ard the establishment of pulpit and altar fellowship *or of fellowship commensurate with the existing degree of unity.*"

A sincere desire for recognition of unity and fellowship between the members of the convention and the Missouri Synod and disappointment over the fact that these have not been achieved was evident during this entire convention.

Dr. Emmanuel Poppen continues as President of the American Lutheran Church; Dr. W. G. Sodt, Dr. J. Bodensieck, and Dr. H. Yochum were elected as vice-presidents in the order named. Dr. Hans Meiser of Muenchen, *Landesbischof von Bayern*, was an honored guest of the convention and presented the needs of German and European Lutheranism.

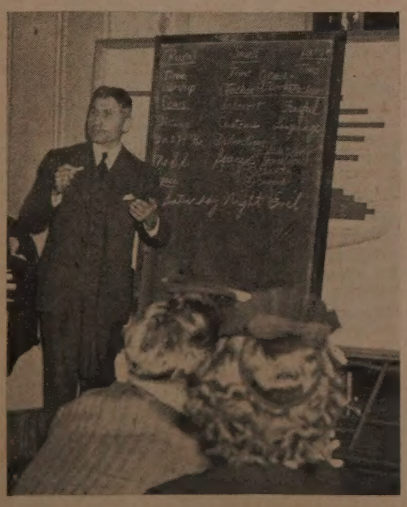
The next convention of the American Lutheran Church will be held in 1950 in Columbus, Ohio, the home of Capital University, which in that year will also celebrate its one-hundredth (100th) anniversary.

The 1948 Adult Education Workshop

By L. V. STEPHAN
Arlington Heights, Ill.

During the last year, 28 District Bible Study workshops have been held throughout Synod. These are usually of one or two days' duration. Last year two five-day Adult Education workshops were held to train District leaders. This year another such extended "school" was conducted at Concordia Teachers College in River Forest as a part of the summer session. It was held July 26 to 30 and slanted especially toward local parishes in the Great Lakes area. More than fifty persons participated as leaders or workers. Thirty of these were parish pastors, four were directors of education in their Districts, four were pastors' wives or women workers in the Sunday school, three were parish school teachers, and one was an editor.

In thirty class sessions, these general subjects were presented for discussion: "The Nature and Scope of Adult Education," "Methods for Effective Work with Adults," "A Bible Study Program for the Local Congregation," and "Christian Family Life Education." The Rev. J. P. Uhlig led a daily study of 2 Timothy under the theme "The Ministry of the Word." Prof. W. O. Kraeft showed "How Adults Learn." Prof. Alfred Schmieding conducted two periods devoted to "Family Life Education." Mr. Arthur Amt gave information on the use of audio-visual aids with adults. Mr. Leonard Ramming led in a discussion of the values of group work. Many of the periods were devoted to Bible study, Bible-teaching methods, building Bible classes, increasing the use of the Bible in the home and school, under the leadership of the Rev. Oscar E. Feucht, Secretary of Adult Education and director of the workshop.



Bible Study Workshop
Pastor O. E. Feucht conducting a problem hour

Two stimulating open forums were held, led by members of the workshop. One was on "Bible Classes" and included a demonstration lesson and the showing of a filmslide on teaching techniques. The other was devoted to "Parent Education" and consisted of two very successful discussions based on radio transcriptions. The subjects were "Family Devotions" and "Having Children." A 72-page printed report will soon become available.

Particularly helpful was the Adult Education display of books, pamphlets, study guides, workshop reports, Bible institute materials, and program-planning materials. These were supplied by the Board for Parish Education and Dr. A. G. Merkens.

At the beginning of the week each participant wrote a brief description of his community and parish with relation to adult education. At the close he prepared a set of definite proposals and procedures which he will suggest to the home congregation to strengthen adult education and Bible study in particular. A sampling of these varied recommendations to a wide variety of churches will also be found in the workshop report.

Each participant felt that the workshop was a mountaintop experience. Typical among the spontaneous evaluations written is this:

"Very stimulating and practical. Much to my surprise, but also much to my satisfaction, this was not just another conference, but a practical workshop in Adult Education. Excellent leadership. Discussions were led in such a manner that I was enlightened, rather than befuddled, at the conclusion of the discussions. Will suggest to my congregation that some leader from our church be sent to similar workshops in the future."

The Rev. Gilbert Otte closed the workshop with these words:

"Christ is All and in all. This keeps surging through my mind as the leitmotif of this workshop in Adult Education from which we all have, under the blessing of God and the guidance of our leader, derived much profit and inspiration. It was the dream of our Perry County founding fathers that we have a Bible-saturated clergy and laity to the glory of our God and the adornment of the Church. The indictment of Wordsworth, however, has just fallen upon us:

> The world is too much with us
> Late and soon; getting and spending,
> We lay waste our powers.

We have caught anew at this workshop the glory of Christ in His Word and are filled with zeal to funnel this down into all the channels of the Church."

Convention of the Synodical Conference

By J. W. ACKER

The fortieth convention of the Synodical Conference was held at Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 3—6. The opening service took place at Trinity Lutheran Church, with Prof. Norman A. Madson of Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minn., the sermonizer.

Observing the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Synodical Conference, an open-air convention service was held in unseasonably cool weather at Humboldt Park the evening of Aug. 4. At this service the Rev. E. Benj. Schlueter, President of the Synodical Conference, delivered the festival sermon. Assisting as liturgists were the Vice-Presidents S. C. Ylvisaker and Andrew Daniel, as well as Dr. G. V. Schick, Secretary of the Synodical Conference.

Attended by approximately 200 pastors and laymen from the four constituent bodies of the Synodical Conference, the convention sessions were held in the spacious gymnasium of Concordia College.

The Rev. Henry Koch, Ph. D., read an essay entitled "The Church: Its Essence and Its Marks, Its Weapon and Its Enemies." This stimulating treatise was ordered printed, with the notation that the final section was not read.

The election of officers resulted as follows: The Rev. E. Benj. Schlueter, re-elected President; Dr. G. Chr. Barth, First Vice-President; Dr. S. C. Ylvisaker, Second Vice-President; and the Rev. Andrew Daniel, Third Vice-President. Dr. G. V. Schick was re-elected Secretary.

Thirteen committees busied themselves with a study in detail of a multitude of subjects, notably missions, doctrinal matters, race relations, and finances.

Much of the convention program was devoted to the discussion of Negro mission work at home and in Nigeria. Resolutions urging an intensified mission-expansion program, increasing Church Extension loans for this purpose, defining the rules of procedure in absorbing Negro mission congregations into the Districts and member Synods of the Conference were adopted. An indebtedness of $225,000 incurred by the Missionary Board in 1928 is now entirely liquidated, and all Church Extension loans are on a current basis. Immanuel Lutheran College of Greensboro, N. C., is to be continued for the training of a Negro ministry.

Missionary Justus Kretzmann gave a vivid account of progress in the Nigerian mission field. A seminary for the training of a native ministry is to be established in Nigeria, including a secondary school. A foundling home is to be created, and permanent homes for the missionaries as well as a warehouse are to be constructed. A medical center or hospital will be erected if funds permit.

The Ev. Lutheran Church of Old Prussia, formerly the Breslau Synod, was received into full fellowship with the Synodical Conference, subject to ratification by its member Synods.

The convention also devoted considerable time to the discussion of issues affecting intersynodical relations. The Boy Scout question is to be studied further, as is also the doctrine of the Church with special reference to synodical organization, the office of the ministry, the call into the ministry, and the relation of Church to State.

The next convention of the Synodical Conference will be held at Fort Wayne in 1950.

Aside from fostering Christian fellowship and mutual understanding, the biennial conventions of the Synodical Conference serve the purpose of exchange of opinions on controverted questions, of mutual encouragement, and of promotion of unity in doctrine and practice among the Synods comprising this organization. In these aspects the fortieth convention of the Synodical Conference was both enjoyable and eminently successful.

Station KFUO Dedicates Annex

By H. H. HOHENSTEIN, Director of Station KFUO

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Why All This Unceasing Activity?

There are two reasons. The one is that radio horizons are rapidly expanding. Think of television. It is no longer around the corner, but is a big, thriving business. The number of AM and FM stations, too, is constantly on the increase. The other reason is: Judgment Day is coming. The Apostle Paul writes to the Corinthians: "But this I say, brethren, the time is short." 1 Cor. 7:29.

But is it all worth while? Is the expense justified? "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. If you wish to reach not just a few hundred or a few thousand people with the Gospel, but the millions, the masses, the nations, ALL THE WORLD — use the radio! There is no substitute for it. It carries the Gospel farther, faster. The preaching of the Gospel is as effective over the air as in the lowly mission chapels or the spacious cathedrals. "You have made a real Christian of me, and our prayers are for your blessing and success. KFUO is the most wonderful station on the air," writes a listener. Yes, KFUO gets splendid results.

KFUO Needs Support

For current expenses and for the Expansion and Improvement Fund KFUO depends on financial support by our fellow Christians. It is a non-commercial station. The Rev. Paul C. Barth, Director of Public Relations of KFUO, devotes much of his time to soliciting larger gifts, and the Lord has wondrously blessed his efforts. When we ask the members of Synod for liberal contributions, we do so without apologies, because KFUO belongs to Synod. KF is doing Synod's work. It is *your* sta True, it does not serve all the mem of Synod, but, its present 5,000-watt tr mitter has drawn satisfactory recep reports from forty different States in sponse to our regular, day-by-day grams. On Sept. 1 the Rev. T. M. Gr mann of Brenham, Tex., approxima 800 miles from St. Louis, wrote: "It my great pleasure to hear your broad last evening over KFUO. This is the time that I have ever heard this sta here in Texas, and it was quite a th Brenham is midway between Houston Austin. It is my hope that I shall be to hear another of your fine sermc May the love of Christ constrain the m bers of our beloved Synod, far and r to contribute according to their ab toward the maintenance and developn of KFUO, the only institution of its k in our Church. Memorial wreaths, quests, and legacies are also exceedi helpful.

In closing, we quote from a re letter from a layman, an insurance bro who evaluates KFUO thus: "The w was at home through a sick spell e this year, and the radio came in wel shorten the hours. And KFUO fo a large place in this program. The ex lence and high character of your progr especially your hours of classical m were much appreciated. The absenc commercials in the midst of such dr repetitions as are heard on other bro casts makes KFUO appear as an oasi a dreary waste. The Lutheran Churc to be congratulated on its splendid eff along this line. Please accept thanks a very worth-while attainment."

Let us, too, regard KFUO, our "Go Voice," as a precious gift of God. F for it! Work for it! Give toward it!

Why?

If the seed must first die ere it prove
worth
And decay in the dark, wet, and dis
earth
Before yielding a hundredfold;

If the precious ore must be dug from
mire
And be melted and heated within the
Before turning to precious gold;

If the diamond so treasured when
found
Must be cut and polished and caref
ground
Before it can truly shine;

If the flowers that brighten so many a r
Must be crushed to be turned into
perfume;
Then why in this short life of thine

Do you always shrink from the hard,
bitter test
And forget so often "The Lord know
best."
For beyond the tears He can see.

He planneth your life with the tende
care.
He has but one purpose — His child to
prepare
For the joys of eternity.

ESTHER A. SCHUMANN

Missouri Synod College Enrollment

As Reported September 15, 1948, to Board for Higher Education

	Total Enrollment	New Enrollment	Total Min. & T. T. Enrollment	Total Non-Min. Enrollment	Total Enrollment Last Year	Total Min. & T. T. Enrollment Last Year
tin, Tex.	77	22	56	21	87	61
nxville, N. Y.	292	105	115	177	322	105
cordia, Mo.	146	29	130	16	151	129
nonton, Canada	111	42	55	56	95	41
t Wayne, Ind.	236	75	236	—	244	244
waukee, Wis.	258	57	244	14	285	267
land, Calif.	199	83	67	132	173	56
tland, Oreg.	80	37	46	34	78	40
Paul, Minn.	235	58	177	58	269	188
field, Kans.	377	168	237	140	409	155
al, 1948—1949	2,011	676	1,363	648		
al, 1947—1948					2,113	1,286

TEACHERS COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS

	Total Enrollment	Total T. T. Enrollment	Total Enrollment Last Year	Total T. T. Enrollment Last Year
er Forest, Ill.	481	481	468	461
rard, Nebr.	312	301	271	253
al, 1948—1949	793	782		
al, 1947—1948			739	714

In Memoriam

THE REV. CARL HENRY BECKER

(1858—1948)

One of God's stalwarts has passed on his reward after sixty-six years of vice in the Lord's kingdom. Carl ıry Becker, pastor emeritus, D. D., son Herman F. and his wife, Sophie, nee ıer, was born Sept. 7, 1858, at Evans- e, Ind. Here he was also baptized by Rev. A. Saupert and, after receiving his ly education in the day school, con- ıed in Trinity Lutheran Church by same pastor.

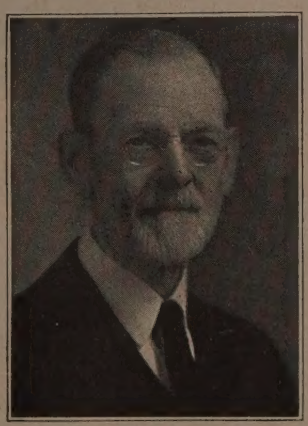
September, 1873, he entered Concordia lege, Fort Wayne, Ind., and 1879 Con- dia Seminary, St. Louis, from which he duated in 1882 with his class, the last ss leaving the "old seminary building." Aug. 6, 1882, having accepted the call St. Paul's near Falls City and of Saint ıl's, Fairview, Kans., he was ordained to holy ministry by the Revs. A. W. Bergt l E. A. Frese. From the very first week er his initial sermon he taught in the ristian day school, beginning with two ɔils, which number soon increased to 46. also held regular services in Falls City, br., and in Hiawatha, Kans., until in ıuary, 1895, he moved to Seward, fol- ving the call of St. John's Church. ɔm Seward he also served Immanuel urch at Ruby, organized the congrega- ıs at Pleasant Dale and Goehner, and ved them until they called their own tors.

In 1891 the Nebraska District of the ssouri Synod elected him Vice-Presi- nt. In 1900, when the sainted Rev. J. gendorf resigned on account of ill health, departed was made his successor in presidency, serving in this office until 5, when he was obliged to decline a election on account of the work in congregation.

Since 1895 he had been a member of the ard of Control of Concordia Teachers llege of Seward, the last several years as honorary member. The former Science Building is named in his memory.

In 1934 he offered his resignation to St. John's Congregation because the work was beyond his strength, but he served as pastor until his successor was installed on Oct. 6, 1935. In the fall of 1935 he was made honorary pastor of St. John's.

On June 5, 1935, the faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him.



He entered the estate of matrimony Nov. 29, 1883, with Louise J. Schnute of Evansville, Ind. Three daughters and one son died in infancy, another son, Carl, while studying at Concordia Teachers College. Six children are living. His wife preceded him in death in January, 1926.

On Feb. 29 he suffered a broken leg, owing to a fall in the vestibule of Saint John's Church before the Matins. The next day he was removed to the Lincoln General hospital. Pneumonia set in. He died Sunday, March 14, at the age of 89 years, six months, and seven days.

He is survived by four sons: Walter of Fort Dodge, Iowa, a pastor; Erwin of Chicago, a teacher in a Christian day school; Hugo of Norfolk, and Paul of Seward; by two daughters: Mrs. Louise Ollenburg of Bloomfield, Nebr., and Mrs. Esther Filter of Chicago; by 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; by one brother, John, of Evansville, Ind., and by two sisters, Mrs. Sophie Holtz of Evansville, and Mrs. Anna Wittrock of Falls City, Nebr.

At the burial service on March 18, the Rev. I. C. Heinicke, pastor of St. John's, preached the sermon on Heb. 13:7. The A Cappella Choir of Concordia Teachers College, Seward, under Dr. Theo. Stelzer's direction, sang "Come, Sweet Repose." There were a large number of memorial wreaths, including one from the children and grandchildren of the deceased to the Seward College Library. I. H.

Pioneering in Japan

On Sept. 19, 1948, the Rev. Wm. J. Danker was installed in Tokyo as the first of the missionaries of the Missouri Synod in Japan. More than fifty years ago the Missouri Synod planned to undertake mission work in Japan. Then the attention of Synod was diverted into another direction, and until the present time this branch of the Lutheran Church was not represented in Japan.

Now, however, a start has been made. The Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions was able to get into Japan, and then it became possible to secure permission for Rev. Danker to come. Events moved rapidly when once this permission was granted. Pastor Danker left Chicago on Sept. 11, in the evening, and early on Sept. 14 he was greeted in Tokyo by Chaplain and Mrs. O. W. Schoech and Secretary O. H. Schmidt, with a formal installation service for him the next Sunday evening.

Prospects Bright

Under God's grace and blessing he should be able to develop a rich ministry in Japan. There seem to be splendid opportunities for constructive mission work on the part of the Missouri Synod at this time. Interviews with people like the governor of Hokkaido, the mayors of large cities like Sapporo, Otaru, Asahigawa, Yonezawa, etc., and with churchmen of various kinds, and civic leaders, high school teachers, merchants, and a wide variety of others, together with observations made on a five weeks' tour of the country, much of this by jeep or automobile and in the company of people who know the country and conditions, have convinced us of the fact that there is urgent need and excellent opportunity for Christian mission work in Japan at the present time. In many respects the old has crumbled; especially the young people are rather at a loss; they are anxious to find something that is true and reliable; they are ready to listen to what the Christian religion has to offer.

The Missouri Synod is in a position to do effective work. God has given her the manpower, the financial resources, and, what is much more important, correct Biblical principles of church work. A humble acknowledgment of the grace of God should prompt this church body to a vigorous development of the opportunities offered.

The start has been made. Our first missionary is in Japan. As soon as he finds a dwelling, his family can join him. Three other men have accepted calls to Japan and are to come in as soon as feasible. Chaplains of our Synod in Japan have gained fine experience and can render valuable assistance in making contacts and by their advice. There are a number of loyal members of Synod in Japan, both in the military ranks and as civilians, and these people will be of great assistance. A number of openings have been found and need now to be developed. The people are uniformly friendly, considerate, and quite ready to listen.

A Visit with Helen Keller

And the time is now. During our stay in Tokyo we had an opportunity to see and hear Helen Keller. We were then told that because of the disturbed conditions in the world she had been advised to postpone her trip. But she answered that if she was in a position to contribute anything at all, then the very fact that conditions in the world were disturbed would constrain her to do now what she was able to do, rather than wait for a later time, which might never come. Let us, therefore, work while it is day! And may a new day have dawned for Japan also through the Gospel work which The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod can do in that country!

O. H. SCHMIDT

Heart Operation Opens New World to Blue Baby

The touching story which follows was written by Mr. Marvin Balding, staff writer of the *Arkansas Democrat* of Little Rock, Ark., and appeared in the Sept. 10 issue of the paper. The accompanying picture showing Edward with his new bicycle, a gift from school friends in Mabelvale and Alexander, Ark., is also a *Democrat Photo*.

A youngster whose fate it was to be born a "blue baby" and for fourteen years has lived a very restricted life soon will be able to ride a bicycle and play baseball with the other fellows.

The boy just beginning to live a normal life is Edward A. Reinke, Jr., who lives in Alexander, southwest of Little Rock. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Reinke. His father is pastor of the Lutheran church in Alexander and of Zion Church in Avilla, Saline County, Ark.

All his life, Edward has had to forgo the many activities enjoyed by his young friends. He sat and watched while they romped and played. Mere walking made him exhausted. But he attended school regularly in Mabelvale and made straight A's. Being unable to get around much, he studied and read a lot.

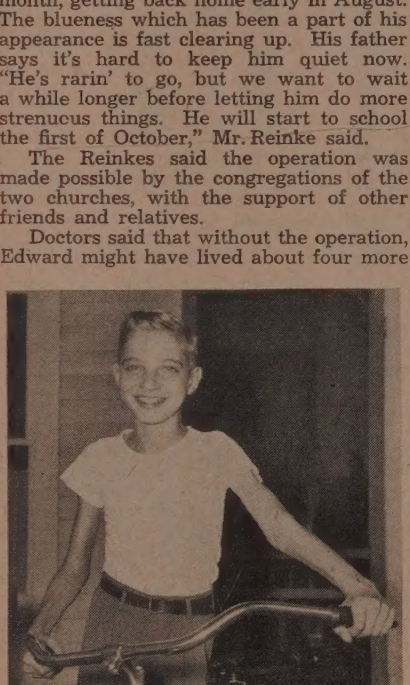
Last year Edward read some place of how a boy with a similar condition was made well by a difficult heart operation. He talked with his parents about this operation and told of how very much he would like to run and play — or just to walk without getting tired. His parents studied the boy's blue lips and blue fingernails and began making some plans.

Last July, Edward was taken to the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore for a Taussig-Blalock operation. This is how his father explains what happened: "The boy was on the operating table for four and a half hours. It seems that the whole difficulty in this case was with an artery connecting the heart with the lungs. This artery was obstructed near the heart, and the blood was receiving very little oxygen. The doctors connected another artery to the heart and by-passed the obstructed passage."

Edward recovered rapidly following the operation and left the hospital within one month, getting back home early in August. The blueness which has been a part of his appearance is fast clearing up. His father says it's hard to keep him quiet now. "He's rarin' to go, but we want to wait a while longer before letting him do more strenuous things. He will start to school the first of October," Mr. Reinke said.

The Reinkes said the operation was made possible by the congregations of the two churches, with the support of other friends and relatives.

Doctors said that without the operation, Edward might have lived about four more



Edward A. Reinke with the Bicycle He Can Now Ride

years. All that is changed now, and Edward can look forward to a life of normal length. He will always have a long, straight scar that begins at the center of his chest and ends on his side, under an arm.

The things that mean most to the boy in his immediate future is to play baseball and ride a bicycle. And when he grows up? He plans to be a minister like his father.

A Power unto Salvation

You may recall that I wrote some months ago about matters pertaining to evolution, the world's existence, and kindred matters. I had a young university student in my class. I ordered the most recent edition of your book *God and the Cosmos*, and I also loaned it to him. He read every word of it. You will be glad to know that this young man renounced Evolutionism and is now a member of my church, and I might say a very energetic and enlightened one who never misses Bible class or church. This young m said when he came to the class that could hardly be expected to unite, su through his ancestors he had a hu dred years of atheism behind h God's Word is still a power.

PASTOR ALBERT F. JESSE

Austin, Tex.

From a Pocket Notebook

The *Proceedings of the Eastern Dist Convention* held at Camp Pioneer, N. last June comes to us printed on pa stock of such unusual quality that it v possible to reproduce portraits of the D trict President, the Rev. Charles Behn re-elected for another three-year term, Rev. William Drews, Executive Secret of the District, and of the convent essayists. We note that when CPH rai the price of the LUTHERAN WITNESS to $1 the Eastern District kept the price of paper at $1 for 1948. This was possi because the District had a balance of m than three thousand dollars on hand this fund at the end of 1947. Congre tions were encouraged to adopt the c gregation-wide subscription plan for th members. . . . We had the pleasure cently of welcoming at the editorial of Mr. C. H. Ahrens, who has been a benef tor for our colored mission in Memp Tenn. Mr. Ahrens is a baker and lives Pine Bluff, Ark., about 150 miles fr Memphis. . . . Those of us who are tryi to encourage a more thorough study of idea of Christian fellowship have beco aware of the confusion that exists throu the use of ill-defined terms. We have cently seen the word "fellowship" used advertising a hayride, a Walther Leag convention, the Missouri Synod, a medi society, and a bowling league. . . . M of the doctrinal controversies in Church are due not to someone's dep ture from sound teaching, but are the sult of muddy thinking. As a rule, t it is some abstraction that causes trouble, an old trick of the devil's. In beginning everything was concrete — lig land, water, shrubs and trees, fishes a fowl, man and woman. Then, in chap three, we find the first abstraction, wh the devil proposed his tricky argume about "knowing good and evil." . . . heard at the Lutheran Editors' Meeting Rock Island that there are 500,000 Bata on Sumatra accepting the Augsburg Co fession. Also that there has been a fi per cent gain in Roman Catholic paroch schools since 1920 in the U. S. A. Th have sixty-five per cent of their childr in Roman Catholic schools today. . Church debts in the United Luther Church have gone down recently fr twenty-three to seven million. . . . The are some additional jottings made wh listening to Professor Mattson's addre (the professor has since been made pre dent of Rock Island Seminary): There such a thing as the stewardship of soil — "the earth is the Lord's." We a responsible to Him. Soil erosion clos churches. We must learn agricultu economics. The Church must speak increase of tenancy, which causes a decli of the Church. The greatest institution America is the family-type farm. T Church is interested. Migrant worke

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, which in its issue of November 10,
t days after the re-election of Presi-
t Truman, devotes two entire pages to
iscussion of the kind of policy Mr.
vey "means to put into effect" regard-
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gn," "the intentions of President-elect
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s to editorship. This issue of the
HERAN WITNESS is made up Nov. 16 and
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urch is indicated by a note in *Lutheran*
n, a paper owned by the Brotherhood
he ULC. Its issue for September has
editorial congratulating Dr. Bersell of
Augustana Synod "for including us in
new merger" and then continues:
ost of the bodies in the American Lu-
ran Conference took action toward the
ger of those synods. If this plan were
ried out, it would divide American Lu-
ranism into three general bodies, Mis-
ri, ULCA, and the new synod. The
ult would be to postpone any possible
ger of the NLC synods for many years.
Bersell expressed no interest in any
re mergers until either all American
heranism could merge, or the synods in
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ve an enrollment of 195 boys and girls,
tructed in six classrooms by a faculty
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ing seen the youngsters of the families
ding this column, we make bold to say
t there is no better-looking lot of kids
ywhere than those in grades 1—10 in
Stephen's, Hickory, N. C. G.

Double Portion of the Abiding

2 Kings 2:9; 1 Cor. 13:13

O Father, give to me, I pray,
A double share of *faith* today,
A faith in Christ full and complete
That makes life's living calm and sweet.
Oh, let the light of Thy Word shine
Deep in this darkened heart of mine;
Illumine it with holy rays
Of grace and mercy all my days.

O Father, give to me, I pray,
A double share of *hope* today.
A hope that spans the sands of time
Into eternity be mine.
Oh, let warm showers of Jesus' love
On my heart fall soft from above,
So that this wasteland blooms aright,
A garden pleasing in Thy sight.

O Father, give to me, I pray,
A double share of *love* today,
A love that shall unfeined be
Amidst all life's uncertainty.
Oh, let Thy Spirit keep me true
In everything I say and do,
And ever walking by my side,
Be my Companion and my Guide.

FORD E. MAXWELL

Instructors Inducted at Concordia Seminary

On Monday, Oct. 25, 1948, during the regular morning chapel service for the faculty and student body, two new instructors for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, were inducted into office, Prof. Carl T. Schmidt as director of Field Work and Prof. Paul J. Reith as instructor in the Department of Speech. The sermon was delivered by the president of Concordia Seminary, Dr. Louis J. Sieck, and the rite of induction was performed by the Rev. Alfred Doerffler, chairman of the Board of Control.

Professor Reith was born at Concordia, Mo. He was graduated from St. Paul's College at Concordia in 1927 and from Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, in 1931. He has held pastorates in Dresden, N. Dak., 1931—1932; Falls City, Nebr., 1933—1941; Fairbury, Nebr., 1941—1944; and Los Angeles, 1944—1948. Professor Reith has done graduate work at the universities of Missouri and S. California. He received the degree of Master of Arts from the latter institution in 1947.

Professor Schmidt was born in Galesburg, Ill. He was graduated from St. John's College, Winfield, in 1926, and from Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, in 1930. From 1930 to 1940 he served as missionary in the Parry Sound District, Ontario, and from 1934—1942 he was stationed at Oshawa. From 1942—1946 he served as chaplain with the United States Army in Italy, Southern Germany, and on the Isle of Trinidad. On June 15, 1946, he was appointed part-time director and on Feb. 1, 1947, full-time director of the field-work program at Concordia Seminary.

A testimonial supper, attended by members of the Board of Control and by members of the faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and by their wives, was given in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred von Rohr Sauer and Prof. and Mrs. Paul Reith on Thursday evening, Oct. 21, 1948, in Wartburg Dining Hall. Dr. Sauer recently assumed his duties as professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation at Concordia Seminary, while Professor Reith is Concordia Seminary's first full-time instructor in the Department of Speech. A delightful evening of Christian fellowship was spent, with Dr. W. G. Polack acting as master of ceremonies. The official welcome from the Board of Control was extended to Dr. and Mrs. Sauer by Mr. John Fleischli, while Dr. G. V. Schick represented the faculty. Mr. Oscar Brauer welcomed Professor and Mrs. Reith in behalf of the Board of Control, and Dr. Richard Caemmerer spoke for the members of the faculty. Dr. Sauer and Professor Reith both responded appropriately to the words of cordial welcome. The welcome to the two new members of the faculty was brought to a fitting climax by the address of Dr. L. J. Sieck, president of Concordia Seminary. The closing prayer was spoken by Dr. John H. C. Fritz. G. D.

Three River Forest Professors Honored

On Oct. 24 the faculty, students, and friends of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, joined in celebrating the silver anniversaries of Profs. Albert H. Beck, Arthur E. Diesing, and Wilfred F. Kruse. Professors Diesing and Beck have been at River Forest for twenty-five years, and Professor Kruse has

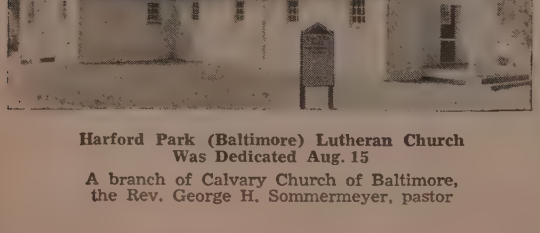
Visit of Bishop Hans Meiser of Bavaria to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
L. to r.: Prof. Th. Graebner, Dr. Meiser, Pres. L. J. Sieck, during a visit to the President's office

been in the service of the Church for that period. A service of thanksgiving was held in the college chapel in the afternoon, at which Dr. O. A. Geiseman spoke. A dinner followed in the college dining hall, with Dr. H. H. Gross as toastmaster.

Professor Beck was born at Baltimore, Md., and after graduating from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, served his Alma Mater as instructor in music until he was called as Professor of Music in 1923. He holds the degree of Master of Music from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. For a number of years Professor Beck has been organist and choirmaster at First St. Paul's Church, Chicago, the mother church of Synod.

Professor Diesing was born at Detroit, Mich. After his graduation from Concordia Teachers College, then located at Addison, he served congregations at Carlinville, Quincy, and Elgin. In 1923 he was called to Concordia Teachers College, where he is serving at present as chairman of the Department of English and Art. In 1931 he received the degree of Master of Arts in English from the University of Chicago. He was active in initiating and carrying out the development of Concordia Teachers College from a junior college to a full four-year college, liberalizing its curriculum, and raising its level of accreditation. He was also one of the small group which launched the summer school, and he served as its first registrar.

Professor Kruse was born at Hastings, Nebr. He attended Concordia College, Fort Wayne, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. After his graduation from the latter school in 1923 he became an instructor at Concordia College, Fort Wayne. In 1928 he was called to Concordia Teachers College, Seward, and ten years later to River Forest. In 1935 he received the M. S. degree from the University of Nebraska. Since 1940 Professor Kruse has served as registrar at River Forest, being active in that capacity during the critical war years when regular classes were conducted throughout the year. He shouldered not only the complex problems that the war brought on but also those created by the tremendous increase in college enrollment. From 1938 on he has been chairman of the Science Department and is also assistant pastor at Grace Church, River Forest. Professor Kruse is a member of Phi Lambda Upsilon, national honorary chemical society, and Sigma Xi, national honorary science society. J. W. K.



Harford Park (Baltimore) Lutheran Church Was Dedicated Aug. 15

A branch of Calvary Church of Baltimore, the Rev. George H. Sommermeyer, pastor

New School at Truman, Minn.

St. Paul's Church, Truman, Minn., the Rev. E. T. Heyne, pastor, dedicated its new one-story, fire-proof school building on Oct. 17, 1948. In addition to the three classrooms, the basementless structure has a number of auxiliary rooms. The cost of the structure was $45,000, more than two thirds of which had been collected by the day of dedication. St. Paul's School has an enrollment of 74 pupils, taught by two teachers.

Architects for the building were Messrs. Max and Gerald Buetow of St. Paul.

St. Paul Lutheran School, Truman, Minn.

Southern Illinois District Convention

The twenty-sixth convention of the Southern Illinois District was held Oct. 18—21 in St. Mark's Church, Steeleville, the Rev. Lloyd Behnken, pastor. Approximately 200 pastors, teachers, lay delegates, and guests were in attendance.

Dr. J. W. Behnken, father of the local pastor, was present to deliver the address in the opening service of the convention and to report on the many phases of Synod's work at various times throughout the sessions.

District President H. C. Welp, in his opening address, spoke of the Church as "The Pillar and Ground of Truth" and outlined the duty and privilege which members of the Church have to defend, contend for, and promulgate the truth of the Word of God. Six new congregations were officially received into synodical membership as well as three pastors and two teachers.

The convention essay, "Justification and Sanctification in the Daily Life of the Christian," was presented by Dr. John H. C. Fritz.

The work of the District during the past two years was reviewed in the reports of the various boards and committees. The Rev. M. J. Schliebe, chairman of the Board of Missions, gave a survey of the work as it is being carried on in the 29 mission stations and subsidized congregations of the District and emphasized the need of an adequate Church Extension Fund to carry on this work effectively. The Rev. J. P. Uhlig, chairman of the Board of Christian Education, reported that there are almost 2,000 pupils enrolled in 38 Christian day schools throughout the District, al 3,750 pupils in 73 Sunday schools, ar 2,500 adults in weekly Bible classe A total of 1,825 pupils were enroll in 32 vacation Bible schools during t past summer. Reports were given al by the Rev. Aug. Deichman, chairma of the Board for Young People's Wor and by other boards and committees

The financial report was presenti by the Treasurer, Mr. A. G. Koopma A budget of $144,500 was adopted f the year 1949, of which $80,000 w designated for the work of the chur at large. The District portion of t budget includes an increase in sala and mileage allowances for the mi sionaries. The sum of $10,000 w granted to the mission congregation Carbondale, home of Southern Ilinc University, to assist them in liquidati the debt on their new chapel.

A reorganization plan creating ni circuits within the District instead five was adopted by the conventio as was also the resolution to grant t Board of Missions the authority accept loans for the Church Extensi Fund at graduated rates of interest a to lend such funds to congregations the rate of one per cent.

Highlighting the Thursday morni session was the visit of Bishop Ha Meiser of Munich, Germany, who e pressed to the convention the gratitu of his people for the physical a spiritual assistance given by the Mi souri Synod during the past few yea

The following officers were elect for the next triennium: Presiden Rev. H. C. Welp; First Vice-Presider Rev. Paul Harre; Second Vice-Pres dent, Rev. J. L. Strelow; Secretar Rev. W. H. Youssi; Assistant Secr tary, Rev. Carl J. Schuette; Treasure Mr. Wm. Bohland.

The convention closed with a bri service in which these officers we inducted into their respective offices.

E. H. BEKEMEYER

"Dr. Schaff, in his *History of the Chri tian Church*, sums up the principles of t Reformation as follows: 'The suprema of the Scriptures over tradition, the su premacy of faith over works, and th supremacy of the Christian people ov an exclusive priesthood.' These are th objective, the subjective, and the soci principles of the Reformation." — REV. G. MORGANS, D. D.

Letters from Readers

OMAN CHURCH AND TAX MONEY

For ten years or more Saint Thomas man Catholic Church has been receiving ween five and six thousand dollars from township trustee for the support of ee teaching nuns and other school plies. I understand this started in the pression times. They said they could not port their school any longer and threat- d to turn all their children over to the lic schools. At that particular time h action would have been a heavy den on the public school, and, as I have rd, the public school would not have n able to take care of them with the ilities at hand. So the result was that Saint Thomas School was taken into public school system. In theory it s a public school; in fact it remained t what it always was.

Our trustee told me that when Saint mas first got this aid, the priest prom- d that religion would be taught on urdays. But the trustee tells me that ry time when he takes the salary cks to the sisters in the morning, he ds them at the church.

In Indiana each trustee has an elected risory board of three members. Strange say, in our township where Catholics no more than a third of the population, l probably only a fourth, two of the ee advisory board members are Catholic!

Another matter along this line is the holic Hospital over at Jasper, Ind. ere the Government is handing the holics $200,000, about half the cost of hospital. I wrote to Gerald Landis, representative in Congress, about the tter. His reply was that he had not ed for this bill, because he was absent. en I pressed him for a direct answer in case, he replied that he favored it ause we need more hospitals. He ther told me that hospitals are con- ered non-profit making and that the makes the same provision for any gious denomination. So he evaded my stion of the mixing of Church and te.

Vincennes, Ind. REV. O. HORSTMAN

TRUE STORY DEPARTMENT

AR EDITOR:

Your inquiry regarding the article of . Streufert in the LUTHERAN WITNESS October 19, "It Happened at a Voters' eting," has been received.

While the facts mentioned in the icle are all actual experiences, they not all happen in one place. "It Hap- ed at a Voters' Meeting" is a com- ite picture of several incidents which ne to the Doctor's attention.

The good Doctor, too, was asked by eral brethren, "In which congregation this happen?" All admitted that it ght well have happened in the one or the er congregation of their neighborhood, it was usually a matter of curiosity know just where it did occur.

Dr. Streufert is on the West Coast, and that reason I have taken the liberty answer your inquiry.

H. A. MAYER
Assistant Executive Secretary

Obituary

All obituaries and death notices should be sent to Prof. W. G. Polack, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.

The Rev. P. N. Feddersen, em. (died Oct. 27, 1948), was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, Aug. 19, 1865. After his confirmation he came to America, following an older brother who had been trained as a missionary by Claus Harms.

The deceased was graduated from Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., in 1889. He served as pastor at Shreveport, La., and at Bethalto, Ill., where he remained for 23 years. Owing to impaired hearing, he resigned from the ministry, but continued to assist in preaching and at the Lord's Table. He lived at Mount Olive, Ill., until 1921, when he moved to Alton.

On Sept. 30, 1890, he was united in marriage with Louisa Luken of New Berlin, Ill. This marriage was blessed with one son and six daughters. His wife and two daughters preceded him in death. His son, Elmer, is serving as pastor near Okawville, Ill. One daughter served in India for a number of years.

Rev. Feddersen died on Oct 27, 1948, at the age of 83 years. Funeral services were conducted at Trinity Church, Alton, on Oct. 31. The deceased maintained a lively interest in the affairs of Synod and was a faithful member of, and a liberal giver to, the needs of the Church.

PAUL JUERGENSEN

The Rev. Herman Adam Bentrup (d. Oct. 29, 1948) was born Nov. 24, 1872, at California, Mo. He prepared for the ministry at Fort Wayne and St. Louis, being ordained in his home church in Baltimore in 1896. His first charge was Louisville, Ky. Thereafter he served the Institute for the Deaf, Detroit, 1900—1902; congregations at Holgate, Ohio, 1902—1912; Richardson County, Nebr., 1912—1915; St. Joseph, Mo., 1915—1921; Meriden, Iowa, 1921—1927; Elma, Iowa, 1927—1940. During his pastorate at Meriden he was instrumental in organizing our congregation at Cherokee. After his retirement he served where called upon and as God gave him strength, especially in the colored mission at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Rev. Bentrup's marriage to Mathilda, nee Pohlmann, in 1897 was blessed with six sons and three daughters. In 1928 his wife was taken from him by death. He was joined in a second marriage with Eleanore, nee Ehlers, in 1931. In 1936 he celebrated his fortieth anniversary in the ministry. After his retirement from the ministry he lived in California and later in Chattanooga. It was here that he departed this life, after prolonged suffering, on Oct. 29, 1948, at the age of 75 years, 11 months, and 5 days.

The deceased is survived by his wife Eleanore, three daughters, five sons, and eleven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Nov. 2 at Elma, Iowa. The funeral sermon was delivered by the Rev. Theo. Eickelberg. The Rev. I. G. Kitzmann spoke as circuit Visitor and also read the obituary. The committal service was read by the local pastor, the Rev. C. Schroeder. Many memorials were made in memory of the departed.

I. G. KITZMANN

DEATH NOTICE

The Rev. Theodore Kissling, of Oconomowoc, Wis., died suddenly of a heart attack on Oct. 26 and was buried on Saturday, Oct. 30. WALDEMAR KISSLING

New Publications

Unless otherwise noted, all publications reviewed in the "Lutheran Witness" may be secured from or through Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

The Organization of the Missouri Synod. By William Dallmann. 6¼×4¼, 32 pages. Northwestern Publishing House, Milwaukee. 25 cents. Rebate in quantities.

This paper read by Dr. Dallmann at the convention of our Synod, 1947, in Chicago. A plea for sound confessionalism, interspersed with many quotations bearing on the early history of the Missouri Synod. There is a foreword by President Behnken.

G.

A Century of Life and Growth. Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill. 158 pages, 11×8½.

This is a history of the powerful Swedish Lutheran body called the Augustana Synod, covering the first century of its existence, a Church which "in the swirl of rationalism, liberalism, humanism, and secularism holds faithfully to its confessional anchorage" — but which "has emerged from the rational and linguistic isolation of the past" — to quote from the introduction by President Bersell. The story is simply told without attempt to glamorize the records of the past or its personalities, and the book is beautifully illustrated.

G.

Christmas Joy. By Wm. A. Kramer. **Sing We All Noel.** By A. H. Stellhorn. Concordia Publishing House, Saint Louis 18, Mo. Per copy, 7 cents.

In good time our Publishing House is supplying us with very fine Christmas programs for the children's services of our schools and Sunday schools. These booklets contain hymns with their musical setting, recitations, and prayers. We note that the first, *Christmas Joy*, contains that Lutheran gem "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come."

M. S. S.

This Is Luther. By E. M. Plass. 416 pages, 6×9. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo. $5.00.

Prof. Ewald M. Plass, who teaches history at Concordia College in Milwaukee, has discovered that studies of Martin Luther's "gigantic and versatile character" are "practically non-existent in the English language," and out of his wide reading has gathered together the contents of this fine volume. There are twelve chapters, bearing such captions as "The Background," "Here I Stand!" "The Prophet of Fire," "Father Luther," "Professor Luther," and so on. But it is the subheadings which are liberally scattered through the pages that give us an impression of the rich contents of the volume. Luther willing to suffer martyrdom, Luther's sensitive conscience, his views regarding the monastic system, his outdoor recreations, his tireless industry, Luther's Latin, his trans-

lation of the Bible, judgments of foes and friends regarding his character, his famous "Vestry Prayer," how he prepared his sermons, his rudeness of language, faithful to the very end, no ecclesiastical dictator, his frankness, he never outgrew his love for dogs, his interest in his students, his sense of humor, his appreciation of the arts, his love of music — throughout judgments based upon the writings of the Reformer himself or on those of his contemporaries. We observe that this is not a biography of Martin Luther, nor has the author set himself the purpose of finding solutions to certain problems — social, political, and theological — that have exercised the students of this fascinating subject. Throughout it is evident that the author was inspired with the purpose of causing his readers to feel "some of the admiration and reverence for Luther with which the author of this book has increasingly been filled during many years of reading of his mighty writings." G.

Great Missionaries to the Orient. By J. Theodore Mueller. 133 pages, 8×5¼. Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Mich. $1.50.

This volume continues the series of missionary handbooks published through Zondervan by Prof. J. T. Mueller. Missionary study circles will welcome these simply written chapters on the record of Christian missions in Japan, Formosa, and Korea, followed by a series of missionaries who labored in these areas, their lives a record of heroic devotion to the Christian missionary ideal. G.

Music

Reviewed by Walter Buszin

A great revival in church music and liturgics was begun in England some years ago. It was in many ways similar to the revival which has taken place also in Germany and other countries of Europe. The tremendous impact made by these revivals in recent years has made itself felt in America. Not only are we returning to, and reclaiming, the works of the masters of the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries, but the composers of our own day are writing music which is superior to the lush Victorian music of the 19th century. An examination of the music listed and recommended below, all of which was written by men who have been active in the English revival, will bear out what has just been said.

Jesu, Lover of My Soul. Arranged by Henry Coleman. SATB. Accompanied. 20 cents.

Mr. Coleman has based his composition not on the tune *Martyn*, but on the better tune Aberystwyth, which is not in our *Lutheran Hymnal*. The composition is very simple and effective, including much singing in unison.

Two Responses. By Winfred Douglas. SATB. Unaccompanied. 15 cents.

The excellency of the 1940 edition of the *Episcopal Hymnal* is due in large part to the work and scholarship of Canon Douglas, who died shortly after he had completed his task on said hymnal. Though active largely in America, Mr. Douglas was in close contact with the most eminent church musicians of England. His Two Responses are based on two beautiful and comforting texts of Holy Scripture: John 16:22 and Rev. 14:13. Not difficult.

I Heard a Voice from Heaven. By William H. Harris. SATB. Unaccompanied. 16 cents.

Another effective and simple composition based on Rev. 14:13. Three pages long.

Let All the People Praise Thee, O God. By Martin Shaw. SATB. Accompanied. 20 cents.

A vigorous three-part composition suitable for general use or the Festival of Harvest. Not difficult.

Fight the Good Fight. By Eric Thiman. SATB. Accompanied. 16 cents.

Virile music based on an original hymn tune by Mr. Thiman. Not at all difficult and much unison singing.

Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge. By R. Vaughan Williams. Motet for chorus, semichorus, and orchestra (or organ). 20 cents.

A work of larger dimensions (15 pp.) by an English composer who is known throughout the world. We are reasonably certain that this composition, properly performed, would be highly impressive.

Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

CANDIDATES

Ordained and Commissioned:

Schmidt, Robert A., in Shore Haven Church, Euclid, Ohio, as missionary at large in the Central District, Willowick, Ohio, by Edwin C. Abendroth, 22. S. p. Tr., Oct. 24.

Ordained and Installed:

Sohn, Edwin C., as assistant pastor in St. Peter's Congregation, San Leandro, Calif., by H. C. Theiss, 22. S. p. Tr., Oct. 24.

PASTORS

Commissioned:

Hitzeman, H. W., as missionary in Bellwood, Ill., by A. H. Semmann, 23. S. p. Tr., Oct. 31.

Installed:

Chambers, John W., in Trinity Congregation, Sidney, and in St. John's Congregation, Fairview, Mont., by John B. Nieman, 22. S. p. Tr., Oct. 24.

Duever, E. J. H., in St. Paul's Congregation, Orlando, Okla., by G. O. Rusch, 22. S. p. Tr., Oct. 24.

Feuerstein, Charles, in Redeemer Congregation, St. Albans, L. I., N. Y., by Paul H. Scaer, 23. S. p. Tr., Oct. 31.

Frese, Edmund, in St. Paul's Congregation, Lacona, Iowa, by Lothar Braeunig, 23. S. p. Tr., Oct. 31.

Gummelt, Walter B., in St. John's Congregation, Lariat, Tex., by E. W. Lichtsinn, 23. S. p. Tr., Oct. 31.

Gurney, Hugo V., in Bethany Congregation, Port Orchard, Wash., by Eugene R. Schramm, Nov. 3.

Hattendorf, G. C., in Grace Congregation, Liberal, Kans., by Homer H. Kurth, 19. S. p. Tr., Oct. 3.

Heckmann, Carl A., in Trinity Congregation, Eden, and in Grace Congregation, Menard, Tex., by Louis Pabor, 23. S. p. Tr., Oct. 31.

Hildebrandt, R., in St. Matthew's Congregation, Wisner, Nebr., by J. Harms, 24. S. p. Tr., Nov. 7.

Hoffmann, Walter J., in Immanuel Congregation, Olivette, St. Louis, Mo., by Walter J. Warneck, 22. S. p. Tr., Oct. 24.

Lichthardt, K. F., in Emmaus Congregation, St. Paul, Minn., by M. Wiersig, 23. S. p. Tr., Oct. 31.

Mueller, Gerhard W. H., in St. Paul's Con gation, Tenstrike, and in Holy Trinity C gregation, Blackduck, Minn., by Clement Joesting, 22. S. p. Tr., Oct. 24.

Oesleby, Christian B. C., in Trinity Congre tion, Virginia, Minn., by Frederick L. Husen, 22. S. p. Tr., Oct. 24.

Schedler, Edmund G., in Grace Congregat Augusta, and in St. Peter's Congrega near Augusta, Wis., by Ronald W. Goet 24. S. p. Tr., Nov. 7.

Schury, Edwin G., in Trinity Congregat Hazen, N. Dak., by G. H. Fiechtner, 20 p. Tr., Oct. 10.

Walther, Paul, in Grace Congregation, Orm Minn., by L. Richmann, 22. S. p. Tr., Oct

Wangerin, H. W., in Bethany Congregat Connersville, Ind., by Walter Littmann, S. p. Tr., Nov. 7.

TEACHERS

Forbes, O. W., in St. John's Congregat Bridgeton, N. J., by Herbert A. Dick, 16 p. Tr., Sept. 12.

Kirchhoff, A. B., as principal in Wichita theran School, Wichita, Kans., by L. H. D ner, 24. S. p. Tr., Nov. 7.

Wagner, Fred, in Immanuel Congregation, mond, Nebr., by Theo. Wieting, 20. S. p. Oct. 10.

Cornerstone Laying

Lenox, Mich. St. Peter's Congregation (A. Knoll), for a new church and school, 22 p. Tr., Oct. 24.

Parkersburg, W. Va. St. Paul's Congrega (L. Blankenbuehler), for a new church, S. p. Tr., Nov. 7.

Random Lake, Wis. St. John's Congrega (G. Meyr), for a new school, 23. S. p. Oct. 31.

Salina, Kans. Trinity Congregation (O. Bohnert), for a new church, 23. S. p. Oct. 31.

Waco, Tex. St. Mark's Congregation (E. Heckmann), for a new school and pa hall, 22. S. p. Tr., Oct. 24.

Dedications

Armour, S. Dak. The new parsonage of deemer, St. Paul's, and St. Peter's Congre tions (G. C. Kohlstedt), 19. S. p. Tr., Oc

Culver City, Calif. The new church of F Congregation (H. B. Tietjen), 23. S. p. Oct. 31.

Didsbury, Alta., Can. The new church of deemer Congregation (E. B. Fox), 23. S Tr., Oct. 31.

Foley, Ala. The new organ of St. Paul's C gregation (W. H. Symank), 23. S. p. Oct. 31.

Grand Prairie, Tex. The new chapel of F Congregation (H. A. Moellering), 20. S. Tr., Oct. 10.

Hillsboro, Tex. The new church of Ch Congregation (J. L. Herzog), 23. S. p. Oct. 31.

Janesville, Minn. The new parsonage of T ity Congregation (A. T. Koehler), 24. S Tr., Nov. 7.

Lubbock, Tex. The new parsonage of deemer Congregation (K. W. Keller), 23 p. Tr., Oct. 31.

Montebello, Calif. The new school of St. Jo Congregation (G. H. Smukal), 17. S. p. Sept. 19.

Murphysboro, Ill. The new organ of Imman Congregation (H. Paul Boehne), 19. S. p. Oct. 3.

New Palestine, Ind. The new teacherage Zion Congregation (W. Krug), 22. S. p. Oct. 24.

New York, N. Y. The new wing of St. M thew's School (A. W. Trinklein), 21. S. Tr., Oct. 17.

Rapid City, S. Dak. The new organ of Z Congregation (F. E. Wilke), 23. S. p. Oct. 31.

San Francisco, Calif. The new church of Be Congregation (Herbert P. Schroeder), 20 p. Tr., Oct. 10.

Anniversaries

Gresham, Nebr. Immanuel Congregation (H Meyer), the 75th, 23. S. p. Tr., Oct. 31.

Janesville, Minn. Trinity Congregation (A Koehler), the 25th, 24. S. p. Tr., Nov. 7.

South Bend, Ind. Emmaus Congregation Kleinhans), the 25th, 22. S. p. Tr., Oct. 2

Call for Candidates

The work of the Synodical Conference West Africa requires the calling of a profes for the seminary and a teacher for the nor school in Nigeria. The Nigerian field is extensive and the demands upon the time physical strength of the American workers

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts, February 1, 1948, to October 31, 1948

Districts	Budget Accounts
Alberta and British Columbia	$ 5,445.51
Argentina	62.00
Atlantic	39,535.40
Brazil	——
California and Nevada	8,831.96
Central	212,429.27
Central Illinois	86,463.01
Colorado	12,467.57
Eastern	49,645.06
English	100,434.72
Florida-Georgia	3,497.91
Iowa East	34,500.00
Iowa West	102,046.90
Kansas	45,180.02
Manitoba and Saskatchewan	1,970.99
Michigan	177,342.40
Minnesota	131,606.30
Montana	3,599.37
North Dakota	14,541.11
North Wisconsin	86,677.33
Northern Illinois	188,365.22
Northern Nebraska	30,694.27
Oklahoma	6,856.54
Ontario	14,132.28
25. Oregon and Washington	19,078.86
26. South Dakota	13,588.00
27. South Wisconsin	132,232.67
28. Southeastern	16,149.52
29. Southern	9,842.77
30. Southern California	9,985.71
31. Southern Illinois	46,293.46
32. Southern Nebraska	39,000.03
33. Texas	24,309.22
34. Western	169,468.84
Total from Districts	$1,836,274.22
From L. L. L. Endowment Fund	30,322.77
From Other Sources	7,423.83
GRAND TOTAL	$1,874,020.82

OPERATING STATEMENT

	1947	1948
Budget Requirements, 2/1 to 10/31	$2,175,000.00	$2,700,000.00
Budget Receipts, 2/1 to 10/31	1,705,366.78	1,874,020.82
Operating Deficit, 2/1 to 10/31	$ 469,633.22	$ 825,979.18

THEO. W. ECKHART, *Assistant Treasurer*

reat that a way must be found at once to iate the situation and to avail ourselves ie ever-increasing demands for the opening w fields. One missionary cannot do justice is office if required to assume the spiritual of 15 to 19 churches, oftentimes spread a wide area. Also, the people would ome a ministry which embraces their own e sons in the make-up. This necessitates aining of native workers in a secondary ol and in a seminary. Accordingly, the odical Conference has recommended the olishment of a theological seminary in Ni- and authorized the calling of a professor he seminary.

t is also necessary and vital that we estab- a secondary school in order to prepare g men for entrance into the seminary and tually the normal school, and the Synodical erence has authorized the Missionary Board ake the necessary steps toward the estab- nent of a secondary school in Nigeria a means for preparing natives for seminary normal school work."

ne Missionary Board in a recent executive on decided to carry out the resolutions of Synodical Conference as speedily as pos- , and we are now requesting the members ne Synodical Conference to forward to our e the names of pastors and teachers who ld be equipped for these positions. The ionary Board shall then give careful con- ration to their candidacy and in the fear he Lord issue a call to the men selected he Board from this list at a plenary session e held in St. Louis on Jan. 12—13, 1949. ease forward names of proposed candidates KARL KURTH, *Ex. Sec.*, THE MISSIONARY RD OF THE LUTHERAN SYNODICAL CONFERENCE, S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

Announcement

ive graduates of Concordia Seminary, St. is, will be candidates for the office of the istry in January. Calls are to be sent to District Presidents by Dec. 29 and forwarded these to the dean of the Seminary by 2, 1949. — W. F. LICHTSINN, *Chairman of Board of Assignments.*

Request

nyone knowing of Synodical Conference nerans living in or near Vermillion, S. Dak., tudents attending the University of South ota, please inform REV. RALPH L. MOELLER- 7 South University, Vermillion, S. Dak.

Needed

ig Bend Lutheran Church, a recently or- ized mission congregation at Big Bend, ak., is badly in need of *Communion ware*, will be glad to pay mailing charges on any iceable Communion ware that any congre- on might be willing to donate. Please ress: REV. WM. R. CHRISTIAN, Big Bend, ak.

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Lost Persons

Report information about *Albert Diedrich Gruepmeyer*, b. 1858, to American Red Cross, St. Louis Chapter.

Information about *John Henry Schlueter*, b. 1886, and Alfred Rudolph Schlueter, b. 1889, to Mrs. Henry Stahl, Brownstown, Ind.

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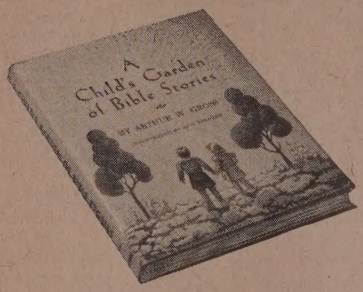

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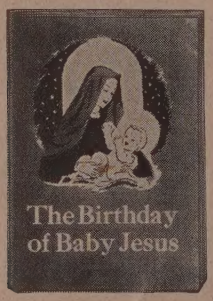

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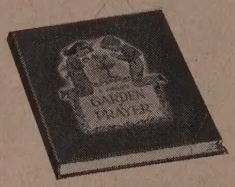

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